

**EDUCATIONAL EXAMINERS BOARD[282]**

**Adopted and Filed**

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 272.2(1)“a,” the Board of Educational Examiners hereby amends Chapter 13, “Issuance of Teacher Licenses and Endorsements,” Iowa Administrative Code.

These amendments allow applicants from another state who have met the assessment requirements in their state and successfully taught for at least three years in their state to be exempt from the Iowa assessment requirements. There is also language added to reflect a minimum grade standard for coursework related to licensure eligibility.

The amendments also provide clarity regarding the student teaching requirement for the elementary education endorsement, field placements and practicum experiences for adding endorsements, and the minimum grade standard for coursework related to adding an endorsement.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin as **ARC 2453C** on March 16, 2016. A public hearing took place on April 6, 2016. No one attended the public hearing, and no written comments were received. These amendments are identical to those published under Notice.

These amendments are subject to waiver pursuant to 282—Chapter 6.

The Board of Educational Examiners adopted these amendments on May 13, 2016.

After analysis and review of this rule making, there is no anticipated impact on jobs.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code section 272.2(1)“a.”

These amendments will become effective July 27, 2016.

The following amendments are adopted.

ITEM 1. Amend subrule 13.5(2) as follows:

**13.5(2)** *Applicants from non-Iowa institutions.*

a. No change.

b. In addition to the requirements set forth in subrule 13.5(1), applicants from non-Iowa institutions:

(1) Shall submit a copy of a valid or expired regular teaching certificate or license exclusive of a temporary, emergency or substitute license or certificate.

(2) Shall provide verification of successfully passing the Iowa-mandated assessment(s) by meeting the minimum score set by the Iowa department of education if the teacher preparation program was completed on or after January 1, 2013, and the applicant has verified fewer than three years of valid out-of-state teaching experience. If the teacher preparation program was completed prior to January 1, 2013, or if the applicant has verified three years of valid out-of-state teaching experience, the applicant must provide verification of successfully passing the mandated assessment(s) in the state in which the applicant is currently licensed (or verify highly qualified status) or must provide verification of successfully passing the Iowa-mandated assessment(s) by meeting the minimum score set by the Iowa department of education.

(3) Shall provide an official institutional transcript(s) to be analyzed for the requirements necessary for Iowa licensure. An applicant must have completed at least 75 percent of the coursework as outlined in 281—subrules 79.15(2) to 79.15(5) and an endorsement requirement through a two- or four-year institution in order for the endorsement to be included on the license. An applicant who has not completed at least 75 percent of the coursework for at least one of the basic Iowa teaching endorsements completed will not be issued a license. Applicants seeking a board of educational examiners transcript review must have achieved a C- grade or higher in the courses that will be considered for licensure.

(4) to (6) No change.

c. to e. No change.

ITEM 2. Rescind subrule **13.26(4)**.

ITEM 3. Renumber subrule **13.26(5)** as **13.26(4)**.

ITEM 4. Amend renumbered subrule 13.26(4) as follows:

**13.26(4) Teacher—elementary classroom.** Effective September 1, 2015, the following requirements apply to persons who wish to teach in the elementary classroom:

a. *Authorization.* The holder of this endorsement is authorized to teach in kindergarten and grades one through six.

b. *Content.*

(1) to (8) No change.

(9) Student teaching in an elementary general education classroom.

ITEM 5. Amend subrule 13.29(1) as follows:

**13.29(1) Adding an endorsement.** After the issuance of a teaching license, an individual may add other endorsements to that license upon proper application, provided current requirements for that endorsement have been met. An updated license with expiration date unchanged from the original or renewed license will be prepared.

a. No change.

b. *Additional requirements for adding an endorsement.*

(1) In addition to meeting the requirements for Iowa licensure, applicants for endorsements shall have completed a methods class appropriate for teaching the general subject area and grade levels of the endorsement added.

(2) Practitioners who are adding ~~an elementary or early childhood~~ a K-8 endorsement and have not student taught ~~on~~ at the elementary ~~or early childhood~~ level shall complete a teaching practicum ~~appropriate for teaching at the level of the new endorsement in an elementary setting.~~ Applicants seeking the early childhood or elementary endorsements set forth in rule 282—13.26(272) must complete the required field experience and teaching practicum specific to the endorsement desired.

(3) Practitioners who are adding a ~~secondary teaching 5-12~~ endorsement and have not student taught ~~on~~ at the secondary level shall complete a teaching practicum ~~appropriate for teaching at the level of the new endorsement in a high school setting.~~

(4) Practitioners holding the K-8 endorsement in the content area of the 5-12 endorsement being added may satisfy the requirement for the secondary methods class and the teaching practicum by completing all required coursework and presenting verification of competence. This verification of competence shall be signed by a licensed evaluator who has observed and formally evaluated the performance of the applicant at the secondary level. This verification of competence may be submitted at any time during the term of the Class B license. The practitioner must obtain a Class B license while practicing with the 5-12 endorsement.

(5) Applicants seeking a board of educational examiners transcript review must have achieved a C- grade or higher in the courses that will be considered for an endorsement.

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